

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Atty. Docket No. MPC 0123 PUS1
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:

is attached hereto; or
 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ as U.S. Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____, and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ (if applicable). (I hereby authorize my attorney to insert the application filing date and number when they become known.)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with Customer Number 22045 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number. Telephone calls should be directed to (248) 358-4400.



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